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Mr. Arunachalam Chettiar, late Salt Contractor.

11. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether orders were passed on the petitions of Mr. Arunachalam Chettiar, the late salt contractor of the State, submitted to the Government on (1) 1st Dhanu 1100, (2) 10th Medam 1100, (3) 29th Karkadagam 1100 and (4) 5th Makaram 1101 referred to in the answer to question No. 134 of the Legislative Session of 1103; if so, what are the orders; if not, what is the cause of this long delay?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Orders have not been passed on the petitions referred to. The matter is under consideration and Government do not find any urgency about it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know if there is any special difficulty in this matter to pass orders? I find this petition has been pending for the last 3 or 4 years.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The answer is given there.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I ask whether there is any special difficulty to pass orders. Is it due to the fact that the Government do not find any urgency about it?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is under consideration, and it is stated in the answer that Government do not find any urgency about it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Government may not think it urgent. But the party may think it urgent.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—May be.

Government deposits in the several banks.

12. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(a) the amount that lies invested in each of the several banks as fixed deposits and in current account by the Government;

(b) rate of interest secured in each bank;

(c) the total amount so invested;

(d) amounts lent to private bodies, names of borrowers, rates of interests charged in each case by Government?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a), (b) and (c). A statement containing the information as it stood on the last day of Karkadagam 1103 is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

(d) Government have not lent any amount to private bodies, but only to such public bodies as Government of India, Government of Mysore, Joint Stock Cos., Municipalities, etc.

Pay of the acting Diwan.

13. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the pay of the acting Diwan during the one month of his service last year;

(b) his permanent pay before he was appointed to act;

(c) the basis upon which the acting pay is calculated and the cause for the increase, if any;

(d) whether it is a fact that this increased amount was made only subsequent to fixing his salary at the usual calculation?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Rs. 1,050.

(b) Rs. 550.

(c) No special basis. His Highness was pleased to fix the pay at Rs. 1,050.

(d) No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer given is 'No special basis.' Is there any general basis on which the pay is calculated?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Whose pay, please?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Pay of the acting Diwan as also of other acting appointments.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—In the case of other appointments, there are rules. In the case of the Diwan, no special basis.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Do not the Standing Orders apply to the Diwan also?

President.—Yes. His Highness is not bound by the Standing Orders. It is His Highness' pleasure.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here some amount over and above the usual rate is given.

President.—His Highness was pleased to give it.

Co-operative Society at Tiruvilluamala.

14. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was a Co-operative Society (non-Government servants) at Tiruvilluamala;

(b) the name of the last President;

(c) whether he was in any way indebted to the Society, and if so on what account;

(d) how it was recovered and from whom;

(e) the present condition of that society;

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b), (c), (d) & (e). The Society is a registered body having a corporate existence. Government cannot undertake to publish the details required.

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